

Ohio R. (Tradewater R.-E. end of Hurricane Isl.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio R. (Hurricane Isl.-Golconda)	2	0	2	12	0	0	0	0	0
Hovey Lake WMA (Indiana)	40	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pond River-White City WMA	100	0	100	324	0	0	0	0	0
Tradewater River	85	0	85	72	0	0	0	0	0
Peabody Coal Property	2,823	810	3,633	1,050	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	8,554	1,160	9,714	4,787	500	3,600	0	7	0

Rough River – Yellowbank WMA

Flown by: Thomas Young on January 5, 2016

Site	Dabblers	Divers	Total Ducks	Canada geese	Snows/Blues	WF Geese	Coots	Eagles	Sandhill Crane
Rough River	12	0	12	150	0	0	0	0	0
Yellowbank WMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio R. (Brandenburg - Owensboro)	206	85	291	796	0	0	0	5	0
Totals	218	85	303	946	0	0	0	5	0

Notes from Thomas... This survey was conducted with clear sunny skies and mild winds <5 mph, daytime temperatures ranged from 12 degrees at start to 19 by mid-day. Ohio River and it's tributaries have experienced extremely low water with little water throughout most of the survey route. Extremely cold conditions below 32 degrees have persisted for more than 14 days straight prior to survey. All moist soil units were ice except a couple holes kept open by waterfowl or well outlets on Slough's Refuge.

Mid-Winter Survey Report for Central and Eastern KY

Flown by: Wes Little on January 3-4, 2017

Site	Dabblers	Divers	Total Ducks	Canada geese	Snows Blues	WF Geese	Coots	Eagles	Sandhill Crane
Herrington Lake	269	17	286	904	1	0	0	0	0
Cedar Creek Lake	157	45	202	50	0	0	0	4	0
Lake Cumberland	298	40	347	677	2	0	0	2	0
Dale Hollow Lake	619	671	1,290	154	1	0	0	0	0
Barren River Lake	0	6	6	47	0	0	0	0	688
Green River Lake	1,004	68	1,072	175	0	0	0	0	0
Taylorville Lake	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Ohio River	4,379	474	4,853	10,795	36	0	0	0	0
Blue Grass Army Depot	220	15	235	500	10	0	60	0	0
Licking River (Southern)	106	0	106	66	0	0	0	4	0
Cave Run Lake	691	359	1,050	1,049	3	0	0	0	0
Grayson Lake	47	0	47	98	0	0	0	0	0
Yatesville Lake	13	0	26	34	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio River- (Ashland to Scioto R.)	9	20	55	216	0	0	0	0	0
Scioto River	119	14	119	40	0	0	0	0	0

Ohio River (Scioto R. to Licking R.)	2,997	477	3,581	4,753	158	0	0	6	0
Licking River (Northern)	29	0	29	222	0	0	0	1	0
Campbell County Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kincade Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	10,968	2,192	13,411	19,780	211	0	60	17	688

Notes from Wes... The Eastern survey was flown on Jan. 3rd, with mostly sunny skies and mild winds <10 mph. Daytime temperatures ranged from 3° to 27° by mid-day. The Central survey was conducted on Jan. 4th, with partly cloudy skies and mild winds <10 mph, daytime temperatures ranged from 8° degrees at start to 23° by mid-day. 14-straight days of sub-freezing temperatures left most of the landscape frozen and covered in ice. All small basins and shallow waters were frozen. The only open water was the main segments of the big lakes, the Ohio River, and the power plant ponds. Campbell County Lake and Kincade Lake were 100% ice covered. Barren River Lake, which typically has low winter pool depths, appeared to have more exposed mud flats and dried up coves or oxbows than normal. The only open water on Barren was from Baily's Point to the dam. Taylorsville lake also was nearly 80% covered in ice. Most other lakes ranged from 40%-70% ice coverage, mainly in the upper fingers and areas out of the wind or without much flow. The Ohio River appeared to be quite low, possibly close to summer pool. The farther east we traveled on the Ohio, and especially closer to the lower ends of the pools, ice was more frequent. At Ashland, KY, it appeared that the Ohio was frozen from KY to Ohio. Cave Run Lake had good vegetation coverage; however, the large concentrations of gadwall normally seen were not there. There were larger than average counts of both snow geese and swans, so be sure to pay attention when shooting at large white birds.

In the central region, the most abundant dabbling ducks were Mallards (5121) followed by American Black duck (778) and Green-winged Teal (601). Mallards and Black ducks were easily the most wide spread dabbling duck in the central region occurring throughout the region in varying group sizes. Teal were only seen in large numbers on Dale Hollow Lake and the Ohio River, with smaller groups seen on Cedar Creek Lake and Lake Cumberland. The most abundant diving ducks were Ring-necked ducks (545) followed by Bufflehead (335) and Scaup (275). Bufflehead were easily the most wide spread diver in the central region, noted on every location except Taylorsville lake. Ring-necked ducks and Canvasbacks (76) were found on 50% of survey locations. Canada Geese (6,978) observations were higher than average, mostly due to the ice coverage across the region. Canada geese were noted on every location other than Taylorsville lake, with majority of observations (84%) coming from the Ohio River.

In the eastern region, the most abundant dabbling duck was Mallards (3532). Black duck (426) was the second most abundant puddle duck followed by Gadwall (126) and Green-winged Teal (137). The most abundant diving ducks were Bufflehead (510) followed by Scaup (154) and Ring-necked ducks (131). The only diver observations occurred on the Ohio River and on Cave Run Lake. Canada Geese (12,802) observations were much higher than average, mostly due to the ice coverage across the region. The majority of observations came from the Ohio River (75%) and Cave Run Lake (15%). Also noted in the survey were 171 snow geese and 28 swans. I hope everyone had a great holiday season, and enjoy the remainder of your duck and goose season!